THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DT 04-135

ORDER OF NOTICE

On August 2, 2004, New Hampshire State Representative John Alger filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a Petition signed by several residents from the town of Rumney to Designate a Public Interest Payphone (PIP) at the Stinson Lake Store in Rumney, New Hampshire. The petition was supported by letters from the Rumney Selectmen, the Rumney Police Chief, the Rumney F.A.S.T Squad, the owners of the Stinson Lake Store and a resident of Rumney.

The filing raises, <u>inter alia</u>, issues related to the determination of the eligibility of this particular site for designation as a PIP pursuant to Commission Order No. 23,706 (May 17, 2001); exploration of those specific elements which constitute a finding that the PIP is critical to the public welfare, health, and safety; and evaluation of such other issues as may be raised during the proceeding.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a Prehearing Conference, pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.05, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Concord, New Hampshire on October 13, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.05(c) shall be considered; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference, representatives of the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the petition and allow the petitioners to provide any amendments or updates to its filing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.01, the Executive Director shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than September 17, 2004, in a newspaper with statewide circulation or of general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before October 13, 2004; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission an original and eight copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to the petitioners and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before October 8, 2004, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.02 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before October 13, 2004.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this fourteenth day of September, 2004.

Debra A. Howland Executive Director & Secretary

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